IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Patent Application of: Cindy KOHANEK et al.

Application No.: 09/904,425

Confirmation No.: 1776

Filed: July 12, 2001

Art Unit: 2859

For: LINEARITY MEASURING APPARATUS FOR

WAFER ORIENTATION FLAT

Examiner: G. Bradley Bennett

Attorney Docket No.: P37034

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF RUTH MONTALVO

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401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

I, RUTH MONTALVO, hereby declare and state as follows:

- 1. I have previously executed a Declaration of Ruth Montalvo (hereinafter "Montalvo Declaration"), dated January 27, 2009, in connection with the above-identified application, and incorporate by reference the contents of that Montalvo Declaration in full herein;
- 2. I confirm that I am still presently employed by the Firm of Reed Smith LLP ("Reed Smith") (www.reedsmith.com). I have been employed by Reed Smith since July 3, 2000 as an IP Specialist, where my main responsibilities include overseeing patent docketing, processing incoming mail received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter

- "U.S. PTO" and outgoing mail for delivery to the U.S. PTO, and assisting lawyers with the preparation and filing of all types of documents with the U.S. PTO;
- 3. Pursuant to a request received from the Greenblum & Bernstein law firm of Reston, Virginia, I performed a further search of some business records of Reed Smith to find certain information that might concern two particular patent applications which, at one time, were believed to be entrusted to Reed Smith, through a former Reed Smith partner, Jules Goldberg, Esq. As stated in the Montalvo Declaration, I had previously performed a search of these business records in connection with the Montalvo Declaration. In particular, these applications were believed to be known as Application Serial No. 09/904,425 (hereinafter "the '425 application"), filed on July 12, 2001 for inventors Cindy Kohanek and Gary Babb, entitled "Linearity Measuring Apparatus for Wafer Orientation Flat," and Application Serial No. 09/718,659 (hereinafter "the '659 application"), filed on November 22, 2000 for inventors Kazuhiro Harada, Hisashi Furuya, Jur Furukawa, Ken Nakamira, Niroyuki Shiraki, and Yukio Muroi, entitled "Silicon Water and Method for Manufacturing the Same;"
- 4. As previously noted in the Montalvo Declaration, among the database systems and business records used by Reed Smith to organize and manage its legal work on behalf of its many clients, especially on the patent side of the firm's practice, is a system known as "PATTSY." "PATTSY" is a commercially available database system that has been used by Reed Smith for about seven years, especially for firm work before the U.S. PTO which involves many due dates and other data involved in this specialized aspect of the firm's many practices. A general discussion of a generic "PATTSY" system apparently offered by O P Solutions can be found at http://www.opsolutions.com/;

- 5. I personally looked for data concerning the '425 and '659 applications in Reed Smith's "PATTSY" database docketing system. I found such data in 'PATTSY," which is discussed in detail in the Montalvo Declaration;
- 6. In addition to the Reed Smith "PATTSY" database system, as I noted in the Montalvo Declaration, "paper files" for the '425 and '659 applications were opened and maintained at Reed Smith during the time period those applications were in the possession, custody, and control of Reed Smith (which is no longer the case), as was and is still done as part of the basic practice at Reed Smith for all such patent "paper files." The physical makeup of the Reed Smith patent "paper files" is and remains of the type that is relatively standard in most law firms which handle patent prosecution matters, among other things, in that the physical file is basically a three-fold file, i.e., a left-hand section, a middle section, and a right-hand section, which generally contains papers relating to the underlying patent application, including papers to/from the U.S. PTO and to/from the client;
- 7. On or about January 8, 2009, I personally ran database inquires in the Reed Smith "PATTSY" database system relative to the '425 and '659 applications, and then printed copies of the results from those inquiries with true and correct PDF copies of the foregoing printouts being cut-and-pasted into the Montalvo Declaration, and further, separate and clearer copies of these printouts being attached to the Montalvo Declaration as Ex. 4 and 5, respectively;
- 8. Another true and correct PDF copy of the printout for the '659 application is cut and pasted on the next page, and another copy of Ex. 4 is attached hereto;

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9. I provide in the following paragraphs of this Supplemental Declaration a general description of some of the data and data entries shown on the foregoing printed copy of the database inquires I ran in the Reed Smith "PATTSY" database system relative to the '425 application;

Regarding Ex. 4 concerning the '425 application:

- a. The printout shown as Ex. 4 indicates that a U.S. PTO Office Action was issued on July 3, 2002. The printout also indicates that a Response was due October 3, 2002, extendable to January 3, 2003. The printout is unclear as to whether a Response was filed, as the response date entered is January 1, 1900;
- b. The printout indicates that a Notice of Abandonment was issued March 26, 2003 and docketed for a 2 month response. The printout also includes a note associated with this entry which refers to a Petition filed February 6, 2003, but no reference to the Petition is elsewhere in this printout;
- c. The printout indicates that attorney "JG" was assigned to this case (see "Attorneys" field towards the bottom of the printout). The second and third slots in the Attorney field show "N/A," which means "not applicable;" and
- d. The printout includes entries for AB (U.S. PTO Board of Appeals and Interferences) Notice/Petition (due May 26, 2003) and Status Check (due September 26, 2003), which were left open and overdue. Both were closed on January 2, 2008;
- 10. I have reviewed the contents of a copy of the '425 application that has been forwarded to me by the Greenblum & Bernstein law firm. A review of the copy of the file of the '425 application reveals:

(a) an Office Action was mailed July 3, 2002 from the U.S. PTO.

The Office Action appears with a docketing stamp thereon with handwriting indicating:

Docket Due Oct. 3, 2002 Reply Due Jan. 3, 3003 Reply Deadline

(A copy of the front and back page of the PTO-90C of the Office Action is attached as Exhibit A); and

- (b) a Notice of Publication mailed December 19, 2002 appearing with a docketing stamp thereon without handwriting;
- 11. A review of the face of the file of the '425 application (a copy attached as Exhibit B) reveals a "Petition to Revive" with mailed and filed dates indicated as "2-6-2003, "Awaiting Answer to Petition" with a date of "6-6-2003" and "Abandonment Recd" with a date of 3-26-2003. However, a review of the file does not reveal a Petition to Revive or a Notice of Abandonment being present in the file;
- 12. The printed copy of the database inquires attached as Ex. 4 for the '425 application indicates receipt of a Notice of Abandonment, and includes "NOTICE OF ABANDOMENT REC'D DATED 26MARCH2002 BUT THE PTO HAS NOT REC'D THE PETITION FILED 6FEB2003.";
- 13. I have searched the computer records at Reed Smith and have located a paper entitled, "Petition To Revive Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b)". A copy of the search and the paper are attached as Exhibit C. The paper includes a date on the bottom of February 6, 2003. The date indicated with the Express Mail stamp of September 16, 2009 is the present date of printing of the document;

- 14. It is further noted that our docketing system provides lists that can be reviewed by attorneys and/or their assistants providing future dates as well as past due dates. A search has been made to try and locate lists to ascertain if any of these lists included information regarding future or past due dates in connection with the '425 application. However, lists could not be found relating to the '425 application for any period between the mailing of the Office Action and December 2008, and therefore there is no indication as to whether these lists indicated any entries concerning the '425 application;
- Supplemental Declaration, Reed Smith uses a commercial database system known as "PATTSY" to manage the prosecution of applications including keeping track of due dates and the filing of papers before the U.S. PTO. The docketing department at Reed Smith, at the time of the abandonment of the '425 application, included three experienced persons whose duties included receiving and entry of papers from the U.S. PTO into the files, entry of papers into the docketing system, and communicating with attorneys regarding due dates. This commercial docketing system has successfully been used by the experienced persons of Reed Smith, with the exception of a couple of situations, including the present situation, both of which were discovered at the same time. Papers with the client and with respect to the U.S. PTO are ordinarily properly placed of record in files, and follow up actions are thereafter taken based upon entry into docketing system. In the instant situation, despite the exercise of due care and diligence in using our docketing system, which

ordinarily accurately keeps track of the status of patent applications and due dates associated therewith, on information and belief, errors were made upon entering the Notice of Abandonment and the Petition for Revival in the docketing system which led to the delay in becoming aware of the abandonment. To my recollection and having first hand knowledge of activities of the docketing department during the period between the mailing of the Office Action and December 2008, I was not aware of the errors in the docketing system with respect to the '425 application until becoming aware in connection with the preparation of the Montalvo Declaration and this Supplemental Declaration, and on information and belief, I do not belief that anyone associated with the docketing department was aware of the errors in the docketing system with respect to the '425 application until about December 2008. In fact, had I, and on information and belief, anyone in the docketing department, been aware of the errors in the docketing system with respect to the '425 application, based upon normal course of operation of the docketing department, would have taken all steps to ensure the appropriate docketing and revival of the application;

16. In signing this Supplemental Declaration, I understand that this Supplemental Declaration will be filed as evidence in support of a Petition to Revive the '425 application; and

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further declare that these statements were made with the knowledge and understanding that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine, or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any U.S. patent issued from such application.

Dated: 30Oct 2009

Respectfully subpritted

RUTH MONTALVO

EXHIBIT A



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PETITION TO REVIVE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to Revive the above-identified application, which became abandoned for failure to respond to the last office action dated July 3, 2002.

The undersigned hereby states that the Abandonment was unintentional.

Enclosed is a duplicate of this petition, check in the amount of \$ 1,300.00 to cover the fee for the revival and a response to the outstanding Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-1529</u>.

Accordingly, favorable consideration of this Petition is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

JEG:dej February 6, 2003 Tel.(212) 521-5403

Jules E. Goldberg - Reg. No. 24,408 Reed Smith LLP

599 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10022

Enclosure(s): Check \$ 1,300.00

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